#### REMARKS

Claim 1 and the corresponding portion of the specification have been amended to correct a typographical error in the definition of Z, and to remove a superfluous comma from the definition of R. Support for these amendments can be found in the original versions, wherein the variable R was defined but inadvertently not used in the definition of Z. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

#### Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at (617) 832-1000.

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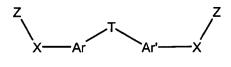
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# Marked-up version of replacement paragraph of the specification showing changes made

On page 19, and continued onto page 20, please replace the last paragraph with the following paragraph:

In certain embodiments, the present invention relates to a compound represented by 1:



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wherein

X represents independently for each occurrence a bond, O, S, or NR';

Z represents independently for each occurrence [H]  $\underline{R}$ , acyl, trialkylsilyl, alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or  $S(O)_2OH$ ;

Ar and Ar' are independently selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted aryl and heteroaryl;

T represents a covalent tether connecting Ar and Ar', wherein said covalent linker comprises an amide, ether, amine or ester moiety;

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, [,]aryl, or aralkyl;

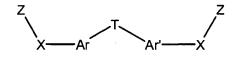
R' represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl, formyl, acyl, sulfonyl, or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-R<sub>80</sub>;

R<sub>80</sub> represents independently for each occurrence aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, or heterocyclyl; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.

## Marked-up version of amended claim 1 showing changes made

## 1. (amended) A compound represented by 1:



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#### wherein

X represents independently for each occurrence a bond, O, S, or NR';

Z represents independently for each occurrence [H]  $\underline{R}$ , acyl, trialkylsilyl, alkylsulfonyl, fluoroalkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, or  $S(O)_2OH$ ;

Ar and Ar' are independently selected from the group consisting of optionally substituted aryl and heteroaryl;

T represents a covalent tether connecting Ar and Ar', wherein said covalent linker comprises an amide, ether, amine or ester moiety;

R represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, [,]aryl, or aralkyl;

R' represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl, formyl, acyl, sulfonyl, or -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-R<sub>80</sub>;

R<sub>80</sub> represents independently for each occurrence aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, or heterocyclyl; and

m is an integer in the range 0 to 8 inclusive.